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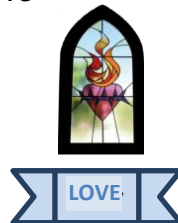
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WEEKDAY MASS: Times for Tuesday 20th February - Saturday 24th February
Tuesday 8.30am, Wednesday 9am

Friday 8:30am (followed by Adoration) Stations of the Cross 7pm

Saturday 8:30am (followed by Reconciliation)

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm (Sacred Heart Mundaring)

Sunday – 7.30am (Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)

9:30am (Sacred Heart Mundaring)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent at 7pm in Sacred Heart Church Mundaring

From partaking in the sacrament of reconciliation to fasting to choosing what to give up, Lent is full of traditions that Catholics around the world take part in as they prepare to celebrate Christ's passion, death and Resurrection.

But there's another sacred tradition that dates back to the early days of the Crusades; one that allows them to "walk" the Via Dolorosa with Christ: the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross is a mini pilgrimage, which takes believers through the steps taken by Jesus on Good Friday, from his condemnation to his burial. The Stations are a way of prayerfully uniting oneself to the sacrifice of the Lord and his love for us...an invitation for us to place ourselves within that journey. The Stations of the Cross are a way of falling in Love with Jesus during Lent!

Taken from an article in the Tennessee Register

THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF COPIES OF 'A RESURRECTED LIFE: DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT' AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH.

INTERESTING QUOTES

"Expectation is the atmosphere of miracles!

What do you expect from God today...this week, this Lenten Season?"

Anonymous

NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ITINERANT DEACON

Last weekend was Project Compassion Sunday, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. It heralds the beginning of Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's major annual appeal.

Together with my Caritas colleague Shelby D'Souza we spoke at the five Masses celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral over the weekend. We were made very welcome by the Dean of the Cathedral, Fr Sean Fernandez and the assistant priests.

Parishioners of Cathedral Parish represent many different cultures. The Chinese Lunar New Year was also celebrated.

In Mark's Gospel we listened to how Jesus healed the leper – an outcast from society. Project Compassion is about reaching out to the outcasts, those of our brothers and sisters suffering extreme poverty and injustice here in Australia and the world. Through our donations to Project Compassion, we can help to change lives.

Blessings, Dcn Paul

PROJECT COMPASSION

Don't forget to take a Project Compassion Box and/or a Set of giving Envelopes this weekend. It is through this Catholic Charitable Organisation that we are linked through Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy with the less fortunate.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

WILL BE HELD IN SACRED HEART MUNDARING ON FRIDAY MARCH 1 AT 9.30AM...ALL WELCOME

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. This year's emphasis is on Palestine...chosen and prepared before the current tragedy unfolding in the Middle East.

THOSE ADULTS WISHING TO BECOME CATHOLIC

I would like to invite any adults who are not Catholic, and would like to become Catholic, to join a small group of people entering the RCIA process later this month. I have 3 adults who wish to be received into the Catholic Church and one who wants to be confirmed. Some people have approached me about attending the classes to help deepen their understanding of the faith...if you have that desire...you are more than welcome. The course will start on Tuesday evening February 27 and run from 7pm -8pm during school terms.

Please contact Fr John if you are interested.

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT- Year B

FIRST READING Gen 9: 8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

■The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24: 4-9. R. cf. v. 10

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Pet 3: 18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

■The word of the Lord

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT - Year B

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4: 4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mk 1: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

■The Gospel of the Lord.

LENT: SPRINGTIME FOR ALL GOD'S CREATION

In the southern hemisphere we miss the signs of nature linked in the northern hemisphere to Lent, namely the coming of spring. The word "Lent," is derived from the Old English "lenctern" meaning spring. This poses a challenge for us in Australia's autumn, as we seek to unfold the springtime in our soul. In our scriptural journey into Lent, we are greeted with the sign of God's covenant with Noah: a rainbow. This covenant is not just with Noah and all descendants but with every living creature, everything that lives on the earth. A rainbow may well grace our southern skies in autumn, enabling us to experience ourselves in the embrace of God's covenant with the whole ecological world in which we live. In the Gospel, the Spirit drives Jesus into the wilderness for forty days along with the wild beasts. Satan the tempter, and the angels who minister to Jesus. These ministering angels, like the rainbow, are a sign of God's ever-presence. As Jesus emerges from his forty days, we hear him begin his ministry in Galilee with "the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near." Evocatively we have entered our forty days of Lent in a wilderness of ecological crisis. Unseasonal extremes of temperature, floods, fires and all manner of tempests call for us to take heed of the earth in which we dwell. In this time, we can reflect, ecologically and spiritually, to change our hearts and believe the Good News, knowing well God's promise through the rainbow and through the gift of his son.

Dr Rosemary Canavan